1	2	3
Eastern Region	3697583	97571473
Madhya Pradesh	788235	37214104
Chhattisgarh	250615	8274190
Uttar Pradesh	2291882	98379920
Uttarakhand	236765	8857962
Central Region	**3567497**	**152726176**
Gujarat	724314	28561443
Maharashtra	1163836	57311613
Daman and Diu	262	4493
Goa	17415	1139315
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1247	37117
Western Region	**1907074**	**87053981**
Andhra Pradesh	2680815	100073234
Karnataka	1682463	56070246
Kerala	1034208	37574323
Tamil Nadu	2400598	80894061
Pondicherry	29397	1069817
Lakshadweep	1173	51434
Southern Region	**7828654**	**275733115**
ALL INDIA	19584655	781578399

O/S Outstanding

Compensation to employees

1545. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Sixth Pay Commission to submit an interim report in view of the inflation and rise in prices of various commodities with a view to compensate the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Terms of Reference of the Sixth Pay Commission, *inter-alia* provide for the commission to examine desirability and the need to sanction any interim relief till the time the recommendations of the Commission are made and accepted by the Government.

Implementation of Law by Customs

1546. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any means to ascertain formally or informally the correct position or interpretation of law in case of doubt by the Field Officers, Customs in implementing the law concerned;

(b) whether such means are fast and easily accessible;

(c) whether the opinions are bindings and offending the discretion of the implementing authority concerned; and

(d) whether there is a periodical brush up and renewal of correct position of Law on intricate matters to all officers concerned in implementation or enforcement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is maintaining an updated website, containing all the legal and procedural information required by field officers of customs to ascertain the correct position of law as well as interpretation of law. This website is instantly and easily accessible. In case of individual doubts requiring clarification field formations make a reference to the Government and on examination of issue involved, suitable instructions are issued.